31 October 2016

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In reply please quote:
FOI Request: FA 16/10/00171
File Number: ADF2016/56974

Dear Nav

Access Decision - Freedom of Information (FOI) request – Release of documents

This letter refers to an access request received under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*
(the FOI Act) on 21 September 2016, seeking access to:

> '*the number of Visa applications approved in year 2016 under the Subclass 189 for
> the following ANZSCO codes*
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> *261111 - ICT business Analyst*
> *261112 - Systems Analyst*
> *261311 - Analyst Programmer*
> *261312 - Developer Programmer*
> *261313 - Software Engineer*
> *263111 - Computer Network and Systems Engineer*
> *263311 - Telecommunications Engineer*
> *263312 - Telecommunications Network Engineer*'

On 12 October 2016, you clarified the timeframe of your request to be for the period *between
the 1 January 2016 to 31 August 2016.*

Timeframe for processing your request
The FOI Act provides a statutory period for processing your request of 30 calendar days,
unless an extension of time is agreed to, or provided for under a provision of the FOI Act.

On 17 October 2016, the Department wrote to you requesting a further 30 days within which
to make a decision on your request.

On 18 October 2016, you agreed in writing to this extension of time. Pursuant to section
15AA of the FOI Act, the Department has notified the Information Commissioner in writing of
this extension of time.

The due date for a decision on your request is 20 November 2016.

Authority to make decision
I am an officer authorised under section 23 of the FOI Act to make decisions in respect of requests to access documents or to amend or annotate Departmental records.

Information considered
In reaching my decision, I have considered the following:

- the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*;
- the Australian Information Commissioner's FOI guidelines relating to access to documents held by government;
- the terms of your request;
- Departmental document, (identified below); and
- consultation with relevant business area.

Decision

In accordance with section 17 of the FOI Act, the Department has used its computer system to produce one document that contains the requested information. The data produced in this document existed in the possession of the Department on 21 September 2016 when your FOI request was received.

I have decided to release the document in full.

Review rights

Internal review
If you disagree with my decision, you have the right to apply for an internal review by the Department of my decision. Any request for internal review must be provided to the Department within 30 days of you being notified of the decision. Where possible please attach reasons why you believe review of the decision is necessary. The internal review will be carried out by an officer other than the original decision-maker and the Department must make a review decision within 30 days.

Applications for review should be sent to:

Freedom of Information
Department of Immigration and Border Protection
PO Box 25 BELCONNEN ACT 2616

Or by email to: foi@border.gov.au

Review by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner
You may apply directly to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) for a review of my decision. You must apply in writing within 60 days of this notice. For further information about review rights and how to submit a review request to the OAIC, please see FOI fact sheet 12 '*Freedom of information – Your review right*s', available online at www.oaic.gov.au .

How to make a complaint about the handling of this FOI request
You may complain to either the Australian Information Commissioner if you have concerns about how the department has handled your request under the FOI Act.

Your enquiries to the Australian Information Commissioner can be directed to:
Phone 1300 363 992 (local call charge)
Website www.oaic.gov.au

Contacting the FOI Section
If you wish to discuss this matter, I can be contacted using the details provided below.

Yours sincerely

FOI Officer
Freedom of Information Section
Information Management Branch | Corporate Services Division
Corporate Group
Department of Immigration and Border Protection
E: foi@border.gov.au

Attachment
- Document released to you under the FOI Act

General Skilled Migration - Finalisations (Granted) - 1 January 2016 to 31 August 2016
by Visa Category, Subclass, Occupation Description[1] and ANZSO6[2] - Primary applicants only
Source: Department of Immigration and Border Protection, 2016 (BE10301.01)

Visa Category	Occupation Description	ANZSCO6	Granted
Skilled Independent - s/c 189	Analyst Programmer	261311	549
	Developer Programmer	261312	698
	Software Engineer	261313	1,789
	Systems Analyst	261112	244
	ICT Business Analyst	261111	587
	Telecommunications Network Engineer	263312	183
	Telecommunications Engineer	263311	293
	Computer Network and Systems Engineer	263111	1,057
Skilled Independent - s/c 189 Total			**5,400**

Note 1: Occupation detail is applicable only for primary applicants within Skill.

Note 2: ANZSCO was introduced in DIBP on 1 July 2010. Applications lodged prior to that date using the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (ASCO) 2nd Edition have been converted to an ANZSCO code using a standard DIBP mapping approved by the ABS.